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## WAR DECLARED AGAINST SPAIN. THE FLEET FRETS OVER INACTION.

### The Torpedo Boat Foote Fired On by a Masked Battery in the Bay of Matanzas.

The House Passed a Formal Declaration of War Sampson's Ships Will Open Fire the Moment a Shot From the Forts Hits One of Them.

### PRESIDENT RECOMMENDS A DECLARATION OF WAR.

Special Message Reviewing the Important Events Upon Which His Recommendations Are Based.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The President to-day sent Congress the following message recommending a declaration of war against Spain. To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America: I transmit to Congress for its consideration and appropriate action copies of correspondence recently had with the representatives of Spain in the United States, with the United States Minister at Madrid and through the latter with the Government of Spain, showing the action taken under the joint resolution approved April 20, 1898, "For the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the Government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the President of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect."

Upon communicating to the Spanish Minister in Washington the demand which it became the duty of the Executive to address to the Government of Spain in obedience to said resolution, the said Minister at Madrid was in turn notified by the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs that the withdrawal of the Spanish representative from the United States had terminated diplomatic relations between the two countries and that all official communications between their respective representatives ceased forthwith.

I recommend to your special attention the note addressed to the United States Minister at Madrid by the Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs on the 21st inst., whereby the foregoing notification was conveyed. It will be perceived therefrom that the Government of Spain, having cognizance of the joint resolution of the United States Congress and in view of things which the President is thereby required and authorized to do, responds by treating the representative demands of this Government as measures of hostility, following with that instant and complete severance of relations by its action, whereby the usage of nations accompanies an existent state of war between sovereign powers.

The position of Spain being thus made known and the demands of the United States being denied with a complete rupture of intercourse by the act of Spain, I have been constrained in exercise of the power and authority conferred upon me by the joint resolution aforesaid, to proclaim under date of April 22, 1898, a blockade of certain ports of the north coast of Cuba, lying between Cardenas and Bahia Honda and of the Port Cienfuegos, on the south coast of Cuba; and further, in exercise of my constitutional powers, and using the authority conferred upon me by the act of Congress, approved April 22, 1898, to issue my proclamation, dated April 23, 1898, calling for volunteers in order to carry into effect the said resolution of April 20, 1898. Copies of these proclamations are hereto appended.

In view of the measures so taken and with a view to the adoption of such other measures as may be necessary to enable me to carry out the expressed will of the Congress of the United States in the premises, I now recommend to your honorable body the adoption of a joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Spain, and I urge speedy action thereon to the end that the definition of the international status of the United States as a belligerent power may be made known, and the assertion of all its rights and the maintenance of all its duties in the conduct of a public war may be assured.

WILLIAM McKINLEY

Executive Mansion, Washington, April 25, 1898.

### PRESIDENT HAS SENT FOR LEE.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee has been sent for by the President and is expected in Washington to-day. The President has decided definitely to give him a command and it is believed this will be done to-day. Gen. Lee stated before leaving here for Virginia that when he returned to Cuba it would be at the head of an invading army. He is very much pleased with the prospect before him and has promised young Algernon Sartoris, a grandson of Gen. Grant, a place on his staff.

### THE NAVAL BILL HAS PASSED.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The naval appropriation bill has passed the Senate. An amendment provides an appropriation of \$8,830,000 to enable the Secretary of the Navy to enlist men for the navy during the existing war.

### HALF THE TROOPS HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED AT CHICKAMAUGA.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 25.—Arrival of troops at Chickamauga, both of those originally destined there and those which have been diverted from their Gulf destinations, are expected to be heavy for the next day or so. The number of soldiers originally ordered to Chickamauga has not arrived by one-half. It is quite probable that nearly or quite 15,000 troops of the regular service will be encamped at Chickamauga by Wednesday or Thursday. It is estimated that the passage of the army reorganization bill providing for an increase in the standing army of 65,000 will result in at least 50,000 troops being concentrated here.



HOW HAVANA AND VICINITY ARE FORTIFIED.

WASHINGTON, April 25.

The House, in one minute and forty seconds passed the declaration of war against Spain, as recommended in the President's message submitted to-day. The Senate quickly agreed to the same bill.

Secretary Sherman's resignation was tendered at 12:15. Assistant Secretary Day has been chosen to succeed him.

It is positively stated that the President does not contemplate a call for additional volunteers for the present.

Cipher dispatches were received at the Navy Department this morning from Rear Admiral Sampson. The Department feels that it cannot maintain a peaceful blockade much longer. The President is opposed to the bombardment of Havana's forts until such time as this step may be necessary as a part of the plan for the invasion of Cuba. But it is realized here that if a single shot from a shore battery hits one of Sampson's ships the fleet will turn its guns on the forts without waiting for orders from Washington.

KEY WEST, Fla., April 25.—The first Spanish shots fired at the American flag were directed against the torpedo boat Foote, Lieut. W. L. Rodgers commanding, between 5 and 6 o'clock on Saturday evening, while she was taking soundings in Matanzas harbor.

St. VINCENT, Cape Verde Islands, April 25.—The Spanish fleet is still here, but it is reported that the vessels sail from these Islands to-morrow.

MADRID, April 25, noon.—About 20,000 Republicans have signed an address to Senor Castelar under the pretext of congratulating him on his recovery from sickness, but in reality offering him their support if he proclaims a republic.

### MERCHANT SHIPS GIVEN DUE NOTICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—A note is being prepared by the State Department giving notice to Spanish merchant vessels that five days will be allowed them to get out of American ports. This is in compliance with the requirements of international law.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GUARDS IN CAMP.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The District National Guard went into camp at the Soldiers' Home grounds this morning by order of the President. A detachment of the guard was on duty to patrol the city's water supply. This is the first of the troops outside of the regular army to go into service.

### WITHIN EASY RANGE OF HAVANA'S DEFENSES.

Sampson's Fleet Guards the Entrance to Havana Harbor With Guns Silent, but Ready for Quick Use.

By the Associated Press.

ON THE FLAGSHIP NEW YORK, OFF HAVANA, April 25, 10 p. m.—The second day of the war has come to a close and the fighting squadron has no casualties to report. After the excitement this morning over the Italian man-of-war and the capture of a schooner by the torpedo boat Porter nothing occurred to mar the peaceful routine. Opinions as to the length of time the blockade will continue places it variously at from one to six weeks. Admiral Sampson has so far evinced no disposition to take the offensive against the Spanish batteries. It is certain that the insurgents are by no means inactive at this critical period. Naval engagements between the formidable fleets would be much to the liking of the officers of the fleet. As a body they are anxious to put to the test thousands of theories to which they have been devoting their time since entering the naval academy apart from the fact that their fighting blood is up. A passive blockade is poor work from a professional point of view, despite the excitement of occasional clashes.

Many of the naval officers maintain that a land base of operations in Cuba should be secured before the Spanish fleet arrives. The general idea is that the Spaniards will endeavor to recuperate at St. Thomas from the effects of the voyage before coming to Havana.

After the Dauntless had towed the prize schooner away in triumph this afternoon on her way to Key West the blockade line was extended.

The ships were mostly separated by several miles of water, making a formidable semi-circle around Moro 15 miles from point to point. The entire blockade line stretches for about 120 miles from Mariel, 60 miles west of Havana, to Cardenas, 6 miles east of the beleaguered city. These distances are approximate.

The Iowa was the only one of the ships around El Moro that remained fairly stationary to-day. She stood away out to the northwest. The Indiana, Detroit and Mayflower cruised around in that vicinity, while the Wilmington and Marblehead kept to the northeast. The tug Algonquin, which arrived to-day from Key West, and the torpedo boat Dupont kept close to the Iowa. The New York cruised around close in shore. For two hours this afternoon she was within easy range of the Cojima Battery No. 2 to the eastward of El Moro, with its 12-inch guns, but the Spaniards apparently thought it hopeless to shoot at a distance of five miles. It was hard to realize while the flagship's band played operatic airs during dinner that a stray shot from a Spanish fort might come bounding out and make music of another kind. Few believe, however, that the guns can carry with any accuracy the distance they are credited with on paper.

The Mangrove arrived from Key West this evening. It was reported that the Mayflower had stopped a tramp steamer about 10 miles northwest of El Moro and that the steamer was allowed to proceed, so it is presumed that she belongs to a neutral nation.

When darkness came to-night, after a glorious sunset, the semi-circle of blockading ships closed in considerably in order to prevent anything slipping in or out of Havana harbor. Not a light was shown. The torpedo boats Porter and Dupont kept up a ceaseless patrol. They were quite invisible. The irrepressible spirit of daring of Lieuts. Fremont and Wood, their respective commanders, probably took the black flyers to within a remarkably short distance of El Moro. When the Ericsson picked up her small prize last evening she was only two miles from the Spanish batteries.

The day has been a busy one for the officers and men and the slight relaxation this afternoon was very acceptable. Admiral Sampson and Capt. Chadwick have been on the after bridge most of the time, both always as cool as cucumbers. The former, despite his 58 years, is as energetic as the youngest man on board. He seems to have an eye for everything and a grasp of detail that is astounding.

### THREE MORE PRIZES SEIZED.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Commander J. M. Forsyth, commanding the naval station at Key West, has reported to the Navy Department the seizure of three more Spanish prizes by the vessels of Capt. Sampson's fleet. He says that on the 21st instant the Detroit sent into Key West the prize steamer Catalina of Cadix, and that yesterday the Cushing and Algonquin arrived at Key West with two Spanish schooners which had been seized in neighboring waters. The last two named prizes were towed into port by the Algonquin, which is one of the recent acquisitions to the navy.

### MILITIA BEING ASSEMBLED IN OHIO.

CLEVELAND, O., April 25.—Capt. McConnell, Battery A, Fifth Ohio Artillery, received the following telegraphic order from Columbus to-day: "Assemble your command instantly at Armory; await further orders."







# CITY HALL BOODLERS WILL BE INVESTIGATED BY THE GRAND JURY.

Judge Zachritz Instructs the Tribunal to Probe the Municipal Assembly Scandal and Summon Witnesses.

Judge Zachritz Calls Attention to the Post-Dispatch Article Which Was Published One Week Ago To-day.

Judge Zachritz Monday morning charged the grand jury as follows:

"The Court had indulged the hope that when you were convened and charged your labors would be of short duration and your work soon disposed of, but since that time a matter of grave importance has been brought to the attention of the Court through the public prints and reports, and particularly by reason of a specific charge made by one of the local papers, contained in its issue of a week ago to-day.

"It has been charged by said newspaper, in its daily issue, that members of the House of Delegates and of the City Council have been guilty of bribery, and that charge involves not only one or two members of the Municipal Assembly, as at present constituted. A charge of that kind necessarily requires prompt action of some kind at the hands of the authorities whose duty it is to suppress crime.

"For many years it has been rumored and currently reported, both among the public and in the local press, that the Municipal Assembly, or parts of it at least, and that under all administrations, have been guilty of gross violations of the criminal law with reference to the acceptance of money and other considerations for the purpose of influencing the action of said body, but not until now has a specific charge been made; and the time has come, gentlemen, and I speak advisedly and in calm judgment, when, in my opinion, determined action must be taken by a grand jury and the prosecuting officers of this judicial circuit for the purpose of ending, once for all, this unfortunate condition.

"The issue, in my judgment, is clear cut. Either the allegation of bribery against said officials is true and can be substantiated by legal and competent testimony, as averred in said paper, or such publication is entirely without foundation in law or fact, and is made through motives other than those which tend to subserve the public good, and made designedly for some ulterior purpose other than of a just, correct and prompt enforcement of the criminal law; and in the event, if it is so made, without sufficient facts to warrant the publication in law, and done maliciously for wrongful purposes, then those who hold out such a charge to the public by means of said publication contained in said newspaper are, in my judgment, guilty of one of the most damnable crimes known to the law, viz.: that of criminal libel, which involves a destruction of the character of a citizen, and is a greater crime against the State than any crime forbidding the destruction of private property, or even the destruction of human life by an individual.

"Every right-minded individual must concur in the firm conviction that each and every one of the members of the Municipal Assembly at the time who are innocent of complicity in said alleged criminal bribery, must necessarily not only desire, but absolutely demand, a prompt, impartial, fair, just, efficient and thorough investigation of this charge and a full and fair report thereon.

"Without such a vindication of the innocent, they are a thousand times more severely punished by the unjust reflection cast upon them and their character than the guilty could be by a lifelong incarceration in the penitentiary.

"Furthermore, the public service is necessarily injured, because, as long as it is permitted unjustly to even insinuate corruption in a general way against an individual, by reason of the fact that he holds an official position of a public character, no man of standing in the community can reasonably be expected to accept a position of public trust, and thereby the public service must necessarily suffer.

"On the other hand, every law-abiding citizen having the welfare of this community at heart, if he be honest and sincere and actuated by correct motives in life, demands that those who have been entrusted with positions of public honor and trust and charged with the administration of governmental affairs, shall in every respect absolutely and unqualifiedly comply with all the demands and obligations imposed upon them by law, and to refrain from doing anything which would in law be considered a violation of its most sacred precepts.

"Again, gentlemen, I desire to impress upon you the fact that every honest and right-minded citizen, of whatever rank or station in life he may be, if he is at all imbued with a spirit of fairness, righteousness and a desire to be just towards all, necessarily abhors an unjust accusation, made either by word of mouth or through the public prints against a fellow citizen. The law has at all times recognized that there are, unfortunately, individuals so debased and vile as to forget for the time being their obligation towards their fellow man, or who perhaps do not recognize that one exists, who have willingly lent themselves and their energies in the direction of degrading the human race and individual members thereof, and if necessary destroying them rather than elevating them.

"For that reason our legislators from time to time have enacted wise and wholesome laws tending to prohibit and prevent, if possible, unjustified accusations made upon the character of an individual. The criminal statutes of this and other States specifically prohibit the vilification and abuse unjustly of an individual or set of individuals by either word of mouth or in public print, and we have laws in force to-day which make the offenses of slander and libel crimes against the laws of this State, and provide punishment therefor, which punishment, unfortunately, is not as severe as the crime merits.

"The larceny of the property of an individual is made a felony by statute, and the destruction of human life intentionally is made a capital offense, and yet the surreptitious taking away of one's good character and malicious destruction of that which is or ought to be dearer to one than life itself, is merely made a misdemeanor by statute.

"In my opinion nothing tends more to aid the citizen in enjoying a good form of government than an honest, courageous and fearless public press. The Constitution guarantees to us the right of free speech and a free press, but it does not contemplate licentiousness. A courageous press constantly, even to a greater extent than the criminal statute itself, prevents crime by public officers, who otherwise might be tempted to the commission thereof, because they seem to dread the exposure more than the prospect of punishment, and to that extent all credit is due to any paper which will courageously and fearlessly expose wrong-doing.

"On the other hand, one of the scourges of modern civilization, tantamount almost to that of an infection, is a licentious press, which, without any regard to the rights of humanity or the precepts of law, ruthlessly destroys the human happiness and human character for the mere purpose of bringing a few additional paltry dollars into its coffers, by pandering to a base desire found in the breasts of some people for the sensational, even at the expense of the destruction of the homes and happiness of the families.

"The paper states in the publication heretofore referred to that it can supply the names of witnesses who have full knowledge of the alleged corrupt transactions.

"Gentlemen, it is your imperative duty under your oaths, and I charge you, that if it is a fact that they have in their possession legal evidence of the commission of these crimes, or if they can furnish you information leading to the procurement of evidence which will show the commission of the alleged crime, you must secure that evidence; and if it is sufficient in law and of a kind which the law recognizes to be competent and legal evidence, it is your bounden duty to return indictments against the wrongdoers.

"I caution you, however, gentlemen, and instruct you as I would a petit jury trying a case and as the law contemplates, that your investigation should be fair, impartial, just and complete; that your conclusion should be based only upon legal and competent testimony. The Court cannot, as it does in the trial of a case, pass upon the question of the competency of the testimony, but the Circuit Attorney and his assistant, who are charged by law with the prosecution of crimes of this class, and of felonies, and who by statute are made your legal advisers necessarily for that purpose, stand in the place of the Court, and I say to you that you ought not, in determining this momentous question and a charge of such a law contemplates you shall act upon.

"In that connection, I desire to say to you absolutely that you should not consider any evidence against any individual which is hearsay testimony and of a kind which the law does not warrant.

"The proof must be by competent testimony and of a kind sufficient to satisfy your minds to the extent the law requires, viz.: beyond a reasonable doubt of the guilt of an individual before you ought to charge him with such a serious crime.

"You are also, gentlemen, before you pass upon these matters, to bear in mind the injunction of the law that you are the sole judges of the credibility of the witnesses, and in connection with that matter you must consider the character of the witness, his manner on the stand, the interest, if any, he has in the result of the proceeding, his relation to or feeling towards the party sought to be charged or the parties seeking to charge him, and of course, I do not speak in this connection of the representatives of the State, but of outside sources improperly seeking to procure an indictment for a private purpose, perhaps not apparent on the surface).

"You are to consider the probability or the improbability of the statements of the witnesses, and in this connection you are further instructed that if you believe that any witness has knowingly sworn falsely to any material fact, you are at liberty to reject all or any portion of such witness's testimony.

"Gentlemen, in making this investigation, as the law contemplates you should, it must be a fair investigation, made in the grand jury room, while your whole body is in session, and made when the witnesses are under oath. The investigation should be made in an impartial manner, under the direction of the prosecuting attorneys and the foreman of your body, and should be of such character as will tend to elicit the true facts in connection with this matter.

"Do not permit yourselves to be influenced by any outside consideration. You have no right to permit yourselves to be moved by any consideration other than that contained in this charge and the obligation which you have taken under the law contained in your oath. You are to be guided in your conduct by the law itself as declared to you in these instructions and by nothing else. You will find, gentlemen, in a matter of this gravity and in which so much is at stake, that a determined effort will probably be made to influence your judgment, either individually or collectively, by outside means. This the Court positively forbids, as the law directs. Should any one undertake to influence your judgment in connection with your duty in this matter, you ought immediately to call the attention of the Court thereto, even insinuate corruption in a general way against an individual, by reason of the fact that he holds an official position of a public character, no man of standing in the community can reasonably be expected to accept a position of public trust, and thereby the public service must necessarily suffer.

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## TOBACCO ADVANCING.

SKYWARD PRICES EXPECTED IN CIGARS, CIGARETTES AND CHEWING TOBACCO.

WAR TAX HAVING AN EFFECT.

This City Will Give Up Revenue at Once of Over Half a Million of Dollars.

In at least one line of business in St. Louis the effect of the war is already felt. Heavy dealers in cigars report an unprecedented rush for imported brands.

The opening of hostilities in Spain means that before long Havana cigars will come high, and lovers of imported smoke are hastening to lay in a supply.

Aside from the fact that a blockade of Cuban ports will shut this country off from their supply of imported cigars, there is an immediate cause for appreciation in the proposed war revenue bill, which contemplates a tax of \$1 a thousand on manufactured cigars and \$2 on a pound of leaf tobacco.

As soon as the law is effective there will be a rush of manufacturers and dealers to the internal revenue office in the Federal building to register their brands.

Local dealers estimate that St. Louis will pay not less than \$50,000 into the National Treasury for the privilege of selling cigars.

There is now in stock in St. Louis 75,000,000 cigars, the tax on which will be \$75,000. The amount to be paid on leaf tobacco, chewing tobacco and cigarettes will be enormous.

The day of the cheap cigarette will probably pass when active hostilities begin. The war revenue bill increases the internal tax on cigarettes from \$1 to \$2 a thousand.

While the tax on cigars is new the new tax alone will not result in an advance of prices on cigars, cigarettes will undoubtedly go skyhigh in comparison with present prices.

They agree that domestic cigars will not be affected by the war which are Havana filler. Makers of the best known domestic brands say they can hold their own at present prices.

The upward movement of the importer product has already begun. Several dealers have notified their customers that their brands will be sold at advanced rates.

One of the dealers in St. Louis said yesterday: "If the war with Spain promises to be long drawn out the price of Havana cigars will undoubtedly be greatly advanced. As the stocks are depleted, prices will go higher unless the blockade is lifted. Within a month dealers will know where they stand. They will be governed largely by the prices charged around their shoulders. The war tax in itself is too small to justify an increase in prices except on cigarettes."

## FIRE IN THE SUBURBS.

E. C. Wooddell and Family Barely Escape With Their Lives.

The two-story frame dwelling, 6114 Minerva avenue, St. Louis County, was damaged by a fierce blaze Sunday about midnight. The house is owned and occupied by E. C. Wooddell and family.

The family had retired and were sleeping soundly. Mr. Wooddell was awakened by the suffocating fumes. Quickly springing out of bed he aroused his family.

Mr. Wooddell was the last to leave, and he narrowly escaped with his life, as the walls were practically ruined.

The contents were practically ruined. The arrival of the fire department, however, saved the house.

The furniture was damaged \$500. Damage to building, \$500. Both fully insured.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

## IN ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Missouri Baptist Young People's Union Will Meet Here Wednesday.

At the Delmar Avenue Baptist Church the Missouri Baptist Young People's Union will meet in annual convention Wednesday evening and will remain in session until Friday. The convention will meet morning, afternoon and evening Thursday and Friday.

Dr. C. R. Dudley will deliver the address of welcome Wednesday evening, and Rev. T. M. Johnston, pastor of the Delmar Avenue Church, will respond. Rev. Stephen A. Northrup will preach the introductory sermon.

Thursday evening Dr. W. W. Boyd will speak on "History of the Baptist Church in Missouri." Dr. R. P. Johnston, of Taylor of Jefferson City, will speak on "The Future of the Baptist Church." Friday evening Dr. B. H. Smith will deliver an address, illustrated with slides, on "The Future of the Baptist Church." President W. J. Williamson of Kansas City will speak on the "Work of the B. Y. P. U. of Missouri." Friday will be devoted to general discussions.

## PURSE SNATCHER WINGED.

A Private Watchman Puts a Bullet in Ambrose Jones.

A warrant charging petit larceny was issued Monday morning against Ambrose Jones, a negro.

Saturday night Miss Ollie Elmore of 1320 Olive street was on her way home walking east on Olive street when at Fourteenth street a negro emerged from the shadow of a building and snatched her purse containing \$5. He ran to Locust street, closely pursued by Private Watchman Ryan, who was wearing the light blue uniform. Jones was yelled at to halt but he continued to run faster than ever. Ryan levelled his pistol at the fleeing negro and after firing twice brought his game down with a bullet in his right shoulder.

Jones was sent to the City Hospital and his injury is not considered serious.

## UNION CLUB ELECTION.

Annual Election of Directors to Be Held Next Week.

The annual meeting of the members of the Union Club for the election of directors will be held at the clubhouse Tuesday, May 3, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. J. H. Conrades is now the president and Fred A. Beneko secretary.

Following are on the ticket for election as directors: Dr. H. M. Baird, C. F. Barker, F. Broner, James A. Carr, Frank P. Cranden, William S. Curtis, Joseph Griest, Adolph Herchel, William H. Jones, Jacob Klein, Fred W. Lehmann, Louis H. Lehmeyer, John D. Manley, Charles F. Miller, R. M. Rastner, Julius E. Romberg, Otto L. Teichmann and H. A. Trollrich.

Exhibition Billiards. Ives and Schaefer, billiardists, are scheduled to play an exhibition game at the Union League Club Tuesday, May 3. The room there has only recently been fitted up, and the two experts will christen the table.

## Spring

Is the Time When You Ought to Feel Well, But Do You?

Probably not, unless your blood is cleansed and made rich and nourishing by the use of a good spring medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla. A few bottles of this medicine will expel all those impurities which manifest themselves in boils, pimples and similar eruptions. Hood's Sarsaparilla will make you well and vigorous.

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Crawford's have always been big and successful operators!! In the history of St. Louis this house has made the largest and best purchases ever made on the Continent of America!!

When, in 1885, the Sheriff sold at Auction the bankrupt stock of the Leubrie Bros. and Crawford's paid in one cheque \$105,555.55 (extraordinary coincidence that so many "5s" came in the amount, but these were the exact figures), Harrington, the then Sheriff, said that "D. Crawford & Co.'s cheque was the largest, by very many thousands of dollars, ever paid to any Sheriff of the City of St. Louis." And none approaching it has been paid since. Mr. Crawford remembers very well when selling the Leubrie stock they made their daily deposits in one of their own regular delivery wagons, crowding the holding capacity of their bank so much that the Cashier sent Mr. C. a message, saying if they (Crawford's) did not stop sending such large deposits he would have to buy a new safe for his bank and he would charge Mr. Crawford for it. Mr. C. expects when the quantity of the goods now bought, the real good qualities of them, the slight damage to them, and the more than ridiculous low prices at which they are being sold becomes known by one person telling the other (everybody does not read the newspapers, and those who do don't all read the advertisements—if they did it would take six Exposition Buildings to hold the crowds), it will take two delivery wagons to carry their daily deposits and two extra new safes to hold them!

## FAIR WARNING FOR JOHNNIE!

This late Fire Salvage Transaction overtops and exceeds the Leubrie purchase, as five does one!! And goods are now not more than half the prices they then were!!

This Salvage Purchase and Great Fire Sale

Is the One Grand, Bright and Shining Hit in

# CRAWFORD'S

Phenomenal and Wonderful Mercantile History!!

And the finest and best opportunity for the wide-awake, money-saving and far-seeing people, to lay in at the price of an old slipper, enough good staple Underwear, Gloves, Laces, Notions, Hosiery, Linens, Domestics, Flannels, Corsets, Cloths, etc., etc., to last them for ten years to come!! Goods in every instance that are wet (none burned), have only to be washed and laundered to be not a whit the worse!!

- Just Think of it! Men's Fine Dress Shirts, that were \$15 a doz., for 10c each.
- Ladies' Fine Black Cotton Hose at 2½c a pair.
- Men's 50c Merino Shirts and Drawers for 10c each.
- Full Bleached Towels, wholesale price was 5c each, our price 1c.
- White Crochet Quilts, Glaser Bros. 46c values, go at 25c.
- Hamburg Embroideries, cut out, 2 in. wide, worth 5c a yard, for 1c.
- Ladies' Fast Black Clear Seam Hose, per pair for 5c.
- Ladies' Large Size Colored and Black Fascinators at 1c, 5c and 10c each.
- Ladies' Jersey Knit Vests, low neck and sleeveless, go at 5c each.
- Ladies' Jersey Ribbed Balbriggan Vests, Grand Fire Sale Price 3c each.
- Cambric Skirts, umbrella shape, worth 85c, go for 50c each.
- Glaser's Men's Buckskin Mittens, worth \$1.25 a pair, for 25c.
- Fancy Flannelettes, worth 10c a yard, Fire Sale Price 3½c.
- Checked White Nainsook, perfect goods, worth 7c a yard, for 2½c.
- All-Wool Black Alpaca \$1.50 Underskirts, slightly soiled, 50c.
- Ladies' and Misses' 35c Corsets, all sizes, Fire Sale Price 10c each.
- Gold Printed Draperies, worth 15c a yard, Fire Sale Price 5c.
- One lot of 75c and \$1.00 SHIRTS for Men, wet only, at 25c each.
- Men's 4-Ply Collars, worth 20c each, soiled, 5c a dozen.
- Best Glove Finished English 5c Cambric, Fire Sale Price 2c.
- Linen Finish White Duck, worth 15c a yard, for 6½c.

Men's Wool and Leather Mittens, regular price 75c a pair; slightly wet, will be all right when dry—Fire Sale Price, 10c.

At 15c a yard—300 pieces No. 60 Black Moire Ribbon, all silk—Glaser Bros.' price, 35c. 150 dozen Colored Border Handkerchiefs, Glaser Bros.' wholesale price 25c a dozen—Crawford's Fire Sale Price, 1c each.

7000 dozen White and Colored Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, also White Embroidered Gents' Hemstitched, Glaser Bros.' wholesale price 40c and 50c a dozen—Fire Sale Price, 2c, 2½c and 3½c each.

Dress Lappet Swiss, 30 inches wide, Glaser Bros.' price 16c—Fire Sale Price, 8½c.

Scotch Lappet Swiss, with fancy woven lace stripe, Glaser Bros.' price 17c—Fire Sale Price, 9c.

Sheer French Organdie, Glaser Bros.' price 18c—Fire Sale Price, 10c.

Glaser Bros.' Ladies' Neckwear, Fronts, Yokes, Collars, Scarfs, etc., Glaser Bros.' wholesale price, \$4.50 to \$9.00 a dozen—Crawford's Fire Sale Price, 10c each.

Ladies' All-silk Stock Collars and Tie attached, in fancy plaids, fit any size neck, Glaser Bros.' wholesale price \$2.25 a dozen—Crawford's Fire Sale Price, 5c each.

10-4 Unbleached Sheetting, Glaser Bros.' price 20c; Fire Sale Price 15c.

9-4 Bleached Sheetting, Glaser Bros.' price 17½c; Fire Sale Price 12½c.

9-4 Bleached Sheetting, Glaser Bros.' price 20c; Fire Sale Price 15c.

At the time this is going to press the six grand entrances are closed on account of the big crush.

The proofs of this advertisement, at 8 a. m. this morning, had to be thrown through the freight elevator.

Carry Your Own Bundles and You Will Be Sure of Delivery.

D. CRAWFORD & CO., "St. Louis Greatest Store"







# ST. LOUIS PENCILERS.

## PITTSBURG WAS PIE.

THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS WALLOP THE SMOKY CITY AGGREGATION.

### TWO PITCHERS KNOCKED OUT.

Brodie and Gangel Were the Only Pirates Who Played Their Regular Game.

How They Stand.

Club	Games	Won	Lost	Per Cent
Baltimore	10	7	3	.700
Cincinnati	10	6	4	.600
Cleveland	10	6	4	.600
Philadelphia	10	6	4	.600
Pittsburgh	10	6	4	.600
Washington	10	6	4	.600
St. Louis	10	6	4	.600
New York	10	6	4	.600

Where They Play.

Pittsburgh at St. Louis.  
 Baltimore at Baltimore.  
 Cincinnati at Cincinnati.  
 Cleveland at Cleveland.  
 Philadelphia at Philadelphia.  
 St. Louis at Washington.

The Browns won their first game of the season yesterday when they defeated Pittsburgh 13 to 1.

About 600 were out to see the game, and their cheering could be heard for miles.

Killen, the Pittsburgh's star pitcher, was hit by a home run, but did not let it bother him. He pitched the game well, and with his assistance the Browns made several double plays. Cross, Crooks and Decker played the infield to perfection, and Dowd made one of the prettiest catches of the season when he captured Ely's long fly. Brodie and Gangel held their positions well for the Pirates.

The lead in base running will be between Lange and Hamilton, the same as last year, according to present appearances, although Deleahanty of the Phillies is making a strong bid. There is not much base running being done by the Browns this season. The lessons in batting given the last day or two appear to have done them some good. Later on they might take some lessons in base running and be greatly benefited thereby.

Buck Ewing has requested "Still Bill" to pinch-hit for him. Ewing's arm is the eye of Mike Kelly and weakened his batting average, interfered with his fielding, and handicapped his all-around work. Charles Duffee, who played center for the Senators and old St. Louis champion Browns, was put out of the business by a fractured arm. Cigars don't help the eyesight of a ball player, but they are less injurious than cigarettes. The pitcher who depends so much on his wind should be the last player on the team to go against the popular weed. Several young and promising players in the League are friends against the cigarettes, and if they don't cut out this habit they will not be long in fast company.

The game at South Side Park yesterday was one of the prettiest amateur games ever seen in St. Louis. The Springfield News men defeated the Oberts of East St. Louis, 3 to 2. In this inning Zouler, for the Springfield, hit the ball for two runs, Fairbank bringing him home on his home-run drive, the longest hit of the season. The score was:

SPORTING NEWS.

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Bader	4	2	3	3	0	0
Costigan	3	2	3	3	0	0
Stamm	2	0	1	3	0	0
Moore	3	0	0	10	0	0
Smiley	3	0	0	0	0	0
Fairbank	4	2	4	4	1	0
Birk	4	0	0	0	0	0
Schlemm	4	0	0	2	4	1
Schwartz	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	8	27	18	1

OBERTS.

Player	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Sheridan	5	0	0	0	0	0
Fisher	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kavanaugh	5	0	0	0	0	0
Papp	5	0	0	0	0	0
Kavanaugh	5	0	0	0	0	0
W. Kane	4	0	0	0	0	0
Harling	4	0	0	0	0	0
Millard	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	0	0	0	0	0

Innings—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
 Sports—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
 Base hits—1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
 East St. Louis—1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Springfield—1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Earned runs—Sports 2, East St. Louis 1.  
 Fairbank 1, Zouler 1, Fisher 1, Hartford 1.  
 Three-base hit—Fairbank 1. Bases on balls—Off Schwartz 2, off Millard 2. Struck out—By Schwartz 7, by Millard 6. Passed balls—Meek 1. Stolen bases—Sports 3, East St. Louis 3. Hit by pitched ball—Schwartz 1, Millard 2. Umpire—Tom Kenna. Time of game—Two hours.

National League Games.

At St. Louis—St. Louis, 12; Pittsburgh, 1.  
 At Louisville—Cleveland, 9; Louisville, 1.

Ladies' Day To-Day.

This will be the first ladies' day of the season at Sportsman's Park. Ladies with or without escorts being admitted without charge Monday and Friday will be ladies' days all through this season.

On the College Campus.

The C. B. C.'s will play the St. Louis University next Thursday afternoon on the College Campus.

Caught on the Fly.

The Browns have won a game.

Hughes pitched a good game for the Browns.

Killen, the Pittsburgh's star pitcher, was knocked out of the box.

Burkert is back with the Cleveland. He was the only one that did not make a hit yesterday.

The Phillies look like pennant winners this year. Even the great Rube Foster is in the game for several weeks.

Manager Tebeau credits his young backstop, Crier, as the possessor of the truest throwing arm in the major League.

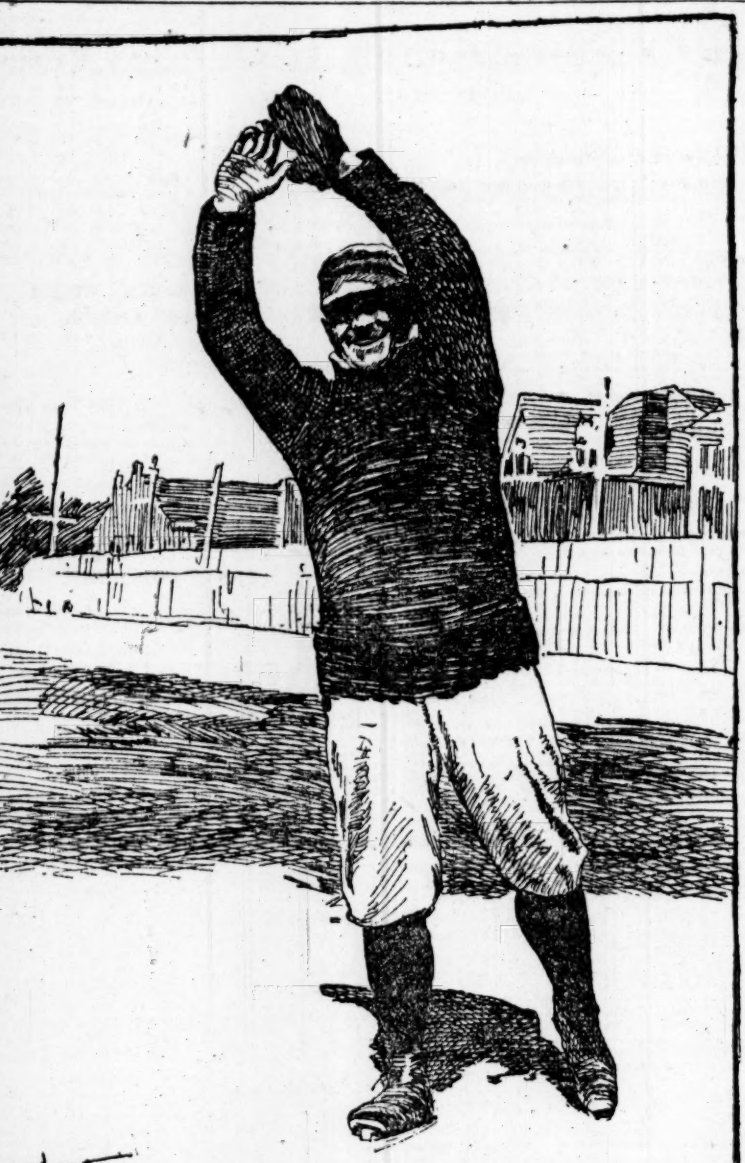
Callahan, one of the Chicago's pitchers, tore a finger nail off in practice, and will not be in the game for several weeks.

The uniforms the Pittsburgh team wear this year are the same as those worn by the Detroit in 1887, when they won the championship.

In the two years that Cather Pelt has been with the Browns, he has won 10 games and lost 14. The latter club has won but once.

When Hanlon took hold of Joe Corbett everybody thought that he had just taken him up in order to get some rednecked advertising from Joe. But who was the greatest pugilist of the world. It was Hanlon's good luck to find in Corbett one of the greatest pitchers in the National League.

Now, here is Hughes, fresh from amateur circles, "throwing down" the world's champions without a hit. Who was the greatest who remarked that if Hanlon fell into the water he would be wearing a crown of clothes and anointed with star of



DUCKY HOLMES CATCHING A FLY.

## DOUGLAS AND RYAN, THE WELSH RAREBIT.

THEY ARE IN DEMAND NOW WITH ALL SORTS OF BOXING CLUBS AND BOXERS.

He Arranges a Series of Races With Cyclist Bald and Has Other Matches on Tap.

Jimmy Michael, the "Welsh Rarebit," has left New York with his trainer, David Schaefer.

After challenging Australian Jimmy Ryan at the ring side at Louisville and after all arrangements had apparently been completed for a match between Bob Douglas and the St. Louis boy, and Ryan, now comes the fact that the match is off. Douglas is not liking the size of the purse offered. After the match some one offered a \$400 purse, a very large amount for a match between two of this caliber, but Douglas did not think it large enough, so the story goes, and so the talked-of match is off for the time being at least.

The biggest fuke in the boxing line in years was the fight between Jim Jeffries and Pete Everett, the big Mexican, at San Francisco last Friday night. Even as a judge as Tom Sharkey thought Pete would give Jeffries a warm argument. On Friday night, however, when the fight took place it was evident that the kong struck. Pete was plucky, but he was outpointed and outboxed at every stage. He was almost felled in the first round. In the second round Jeffries punched the Mexican all over the place, and he was knocked out. Everett rushed Jeffries like a wild bull in the third round, but Jim smothered him with straight jabs in the body and face. After this he chopped the Mexican literally to bits. The Mexican could not have continued had he wished.

A telegram has been received by the sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer from Manager Tom O'Rourke of the Syracuse Athletic Club, stating that he had forwarded a forfeit of \$500 as a guarantee that he will pull out of the contest between Kid McCoy and Gus Rubin for the heavy-weight championship on May 20. Both McCoy and Rubin have their fortunes up with the Enquirer, and there is every reason to believe now that there will be no further hitch in the match and that it will come off on the day named at Syracuse, N. Y. The Big Four will run an excursion to the mill from Cincinnati and St. Louis.

"They tell a good one on Peter Maher," said George Siler, while reviewing some of the great contests in which he has officiated as referee.

It was at the time Peter fought Joe Goddard, and Dave Holland, a famous Eastern sportsman, was Maher's manager. Peter was in his corner, and after looking Goddard over carefully said to Holland: "That fellow is a five-stone heavier man, Dave." Then Holland feared that Maher might think he was giving away ten-stone-140 pounds—so he gave the referee and time-keeper the tip to begin the ceremony, which lasted two rounds.

Demand for George Siler's services as referee is keeping the veteran boxer and his wife in the game for several weeks. Recently a San Francisco paper intimated that Siler would be asked to referee the fight between the Ruhl-McCoy contest at Syracuse May 20, and on May 4 he will be at Louisville to officiate in the 20-round fight between Tom Lane and Jim Watts. The second Louisville Club fight, between the National League and the St. Louis Browns, is also being refereed by Siler. It is needless to say that Siler would not stand for his nonsense.

With so many men for referee both East and West it is strange that the big clubs and best boxers want Siler. The only reason they know they will not be defeated and that he knows all a

## ST. LOUIS PENCILERS.

HERMAN HOFFMAN TELLS HOW THEY FARED THIS WINTER IN CALIFORNIA.

### IT WAS A VERY BAD YEAR.

More Than One of the Bookies Dropped a Bank Roll and All Will Come Back Lighter in Pocketbook.

Herman Hoffman, the well-known St. Louis pencil, has returned from San Francisco, where he has been booking all winter.

Mr. Hoffman brings news of the work of the St. Louis colony of bookmakers who have been doing business on the coast since the Oakland and Ingleside race tracks opened their gates last fall.

The booking game out there, it appears, was a tough one from the start. Hoffman went on at the beginning and lost nearly \$10,000 before his luck changed. But by sticking to the game all winter and never giving up, he managed to pull out several thousand to the good on the whole season.

One of the heaviest losers on the coast was John Hughes. He had a fearful crimp put in his big bank roll. John Hughes was a heavy loser from the start and it was said that he was \$25,000 behind on the day he quit booking at Ingleside.

Lame Hughes was another heavy loser, and he will leave nearly all of his big bank roll behind him.

The Quinn boys also played in bad luck from the start. They have not had a good thing since they left St. Louis to do business on the Pacific Coast.

Barney Schreiber was a heavy loser in his book, but the good luck of his stable brought him out a little more than even on his season in California.

During the winter El Perles got away with several bank rolls, and at last account he was without any roll at all. Of the St. Louisans who went to New Orleans to book during the winter, the only one back. The rest have stopped off at Memphis. No one has heard of May winning \$20,000 at New Orleans this winter, as one used to hear last winter, and the winter before that and several other winters.

Herb Collins, Cap Mills, Will Davis, Dore Silver, Pop Shepherd, Tom Conroy and others who were at St. Louis at Memphis, and says none of them were getting rich there.

It is doing a little pencil on the St. Louis Inaugural and the others are laying low and will not be seen on the block until the opening of the season. Of the St. Louisans who went to New Orleans all winter, but his brothers, Alex and Joe, are now permanently located in New York. He has not heard of them for some time. The boys booking on the coast this year have had a hard time of it. They call it hard when they can't get a good thing. 600 ahead on their season's work out there. They are not satisfied with a good thing. They will probably not be back at St. Louis, but just now he has no plans in sight.

Louisville poolrooms are making a fight for their life in the city. They are on trial on indictments returned against alleged owners, charging them with maintaining a nuisance. The fight is being pushed by a citizens' committee organized for that purpose, and the city and county officials have been summoned as witnesses in an effort to prove the ownership.

A story comes from New York this morning that Ed Sloan, the famous jockey, will soon marry Edna Wallace, the former wife of De Wolf Hopper. That Mr. Sloan for some time has been living with Miss Wallace, and that Miss Wallace in turn felt the profound respect for Mr. Sloan, has been a matter of open secret. It was known to only their closest associates, however, that these great diminutive persons contemplated becoming husband and wife.

"The published statement that there will not be a meeting at Cumberland Park, Nashville, next spring, is not correct," said Mr. Russwurm, the president of that race track yesterday. "The meeting is being held, but we have postponed it to next spring. This year our loss was nothing. It was known to only their closest associates, however, that these great diminutive persons contemplated becoming husband and wife."

The first of these races between Bald and Michael will be held in June, the second in August and the final in September, and the races will be held on the tracks whose management offer the best inducements to the riders.

In view of all these arrangements it looks as though Michael had at last concluded to quit the horses and go back to the legitimate business of bicycle riding. He has been in the saddle for some time, and it was said that he would stay there until racing commenced around New York, when he would be seen in the saddle on one of the Dwyer horses. His going away from there now, therefore, is a surprise. He has come to the conclusion, after a good trial, that he was not cut out for a jockey, and that he would rather go back to the business he has done so well in the past. And that is just what he has done.

About 2000 riders took part in the patriotic parade yesterday. Every rider in line was a moving mass of red, white and blue. All the clubs in the city were well represented, and the parade was the best St. Louis has ever seen. Owing to the muddy streets the line of the parade was broken up in places, and the parade was the best St. Louis has ever seen.

West on Locust street to Channing avenue, south to Boyle, west to Boyle, south to Maryland, west to Taylor, north to Lindbergh, straight out to King's highway, south to Bate's monument, and through Forest Park, after which the paraders disbanded and went their several ways.

Pugilistic Pointers.

Rubin and McCoy meet May 20.

An old time crowd of prize-fighters went over to Cahokia yesterday.

Billy Madden, Gus Rubin's manager, is now talking of the good treatment he received in the West.

Jack McAuliffe has been going through a severe course of training, and it is said that he will re-enter the ring soon.

Jack Everhardt goes to Philadelphia, where he will meet either "Kid" Lavigne, "Jack" Daly or McFarland in a 6-round bout May 6.

Barry and Rottford have signed articles for a 6-round contest at "Parson" Davis' gymnasium at Chicago, Ill., on May 13. The fight will be a 6-round contest at Philadelphia May 13. Maher has been anxious for a chance at Goddard, but he must win his big time to even up on a previous defeat.

Steve O'Donnell of Australia has arranged another nine round fight with the St. Louis boxer, 30 rounds at Syracuse on April 25. Dunkhorst a few years ago met Jim Hall and put up a fine contest.

Jack Winsby looked Billy Mahan in four rounds near Chicago yesterday, and "Kid" Dieters got away with Hugh Roddy in three rounds. Mahan was to have fought a man named Gundersen, but he was forced to show up and Winsby not only took his place but looked Mahan to boot.

There is no doubting the efficacy of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. It cures every time.

## TO-MORROW—TUESDAY SILK DAY.

At the... GRAND LEADER.

BROADWAY AND WASHINGTON.

BROCADED Lining Silk—25 pieces Plain and Brocade Changeable Lining silk in rare beautiful colorings—superior silks that are cheap at 50c yard go in this Matchless Bargain-Giving Sale Tuesday 22c for...

TAFFETA SILK—36 pieces fine Taffeta silk—just received—in the very latest effects, and 40 pieces of the finest Wash silk in the latest hair-line stripes—beautiful quality—choice while they last—To-Morrow 29c

TAFFETA SILK—24 in. Plain Taffeta silks in the handsomest of this season's colorings—the richest bargain you ever discovered—45c at Tuesday

GROS-GRAIN—Black Brocade—25 inches wide, very newest design—shown now for the first time in St. Louis—unusually lovely pattern—rich in color—very cheap—complete suits—a bargain 43c at 50c—Tuesday, only

GRENADINE—44-inch (44 inches deep in mind) Black Grenadine, in plain, figured and striped—looks as well (comparable) and will wear as well as the average \$1.00 (think of this, because it is the truth) Grenadine—per yard in our Great Knock-Out Sale, Tuesday 69c

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ONE TRIAL OF SQUIRREL MILK. Will demonstrate its superior qualities for all home purposes. For sale at all good grocers. Trade supplied by ADAM ROTH GROCERY COMPANY.

CHARGED ON THE SWEEPERS. John Dennis Imagined They Were an Army of Spaniards.

John M. Dennis' prejudice against the Spaniards is responsible for his being a City Hospital patient. His head is broken, but the doctors have mended it, and Dennis will be himself again in a few days.

Dennis is 32 years old, a laborer, and lives at 1616 Dolan street. Sunday night he and two companions had spent several hours in a saloon near Jefferson avenue and Market street, drinking beer and discussing war news. The beer inflamed their feelings against Spain, and when a gang of street sweepers, whom they mistook for Spaniards, and charged on them.

Giacomo Costello was one of the sweepers charged. He carried a broom, and a little if anything for Dennis' speech, but when attack seemed imminent he used his broom on Dennis' head. Costello was locked up.

Dennis was feeling first-rate Monday, but his recollection of Sunday night's events was somewhat hazy. He says he bears no one ill will for his condition.

Madison Trust Exchange. Trains leave foot of Olive street 1:11, 1:50, 2:30, 2:50, 3:25, 4:04, 4:47 and 5:33. Return 3:10, 4:25, 5:10, 6:10, 7:10.

OLD-TIME ST. LOUIS. Mr. William Hyde Will Address the Historical Society.

Mr. William Hyde will read a paper before the Missouri Historical Society, 1900 Locust street, Tuesday, evening, at 8 o'clock, on "Old-Time St. Louis Merchants, Notable Changes in Business Places, History and Sentiment in Street Names," etc. It will be interesting, and a number of members of the society and their friends is desired.

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MANHOOD RESTORED "CUPIDENE" The great Vegetable... (Advertisement for Cupidene medicine, claiming to restore manhood and cure various ailments.)

Who Won? Is answered in the Sporting Extra... (Advertisement for a sports magazine or newspaper supplement.)

JEWEL CARPET RENOVATOR. Makes solid carpets and rugs clean and bright... (Advertisement for a carpet cleaning service.)

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. ST. LOUIS, April 23, 1898. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fairview Realty Co. for the election of directors... (Notice of a stockholders' meeting.)

AMUSEMENTS. CENTURY... (Advertisement for the Century Theatre and other local amusements.)

QUICK MEAL GAS STOVES RINGEN STOVE CO. (Advertisement for Ringen gas stoves.)

JACK FROST BAKING POWDER. Fair price, 25c pound. (Advertisement for Jack Frost baking powder.)

Dr. Lyon's PERFECT Tooth Powder. AN ELEGANT TOILET LUXURY. Used by people of refinement for over a quarter of a century. (Advertisement for Dr. Lyon's tooth powder.)

CORNS. (Advertisement for a corn treatment or medicine.)











## EX-PATROLMAN AS A BURGLAR.

John French Arrested With a Kit of Tools.

ENTERED AN OFFICE READY FOR BUSINESS.

PRIVATE WATCHMAN CAUGHT HIM BEFORE HE COULD WORK.

DECLARES HIS INNOCENCE AMID COPIOUS TEARS.

He Says He Was Intoxicated and That His Predicament Is Due to a Stranger and That the Tools Are Not His.

When John French was a policeman, 10 years ago, he turned many a man into the holder. Now he is there himself. Out in Capt. O'Malley's office is a kit of safe-blower's tools, which the captain says are as fine as he ever saw.

French is accredited with the ownership of the tools. He was arrested early Monday morning by Sgt. Meehan and Private Watchman O'Brien in the office of the Cigar-makers' Union, 318 Clark avenue. At the same time the kit of tools was confiscated.

In the office there was a safe containing \$400. Sgt. Meehan expressed the belief that the kit of tools was French's, and that he had been using them to crack the safe. French's presence in the place was noted by Private Watchman O'Brien, whose attention was attracted by a slight noise.

The watchman called Sgt. Meehan, and together they attempted to enter the door. French, however, blocked away, and brought him with his key. French, the officers entered they found French crouched out upon a table, apparently asleep.

When aroused he yawningly stated at his captors and drawing out:

"Where am I at?"

There was a sprinkling of ashes about the door, and French, who had been recently opened, a glance on the inside disclosed the burglar's tools, which are now in Capt. O'Malley's office, and French is out of bed.

French pretended to be drunk and declared that he knew nothing concerning the tools.

He was locked up at the Chestnut Street Station and was subsequently transferred to the Four Courts, where he is held pending investigation.

Among other things the burglar kit contained numerous skeleton keys, which French says this is how French gained entrance, looking the door behind him.

"He doubtless had been in the place but a moment when he was discovered," said Sgt. Meehan. "Otherwise he would have been a work on the safe. Although French made a great play at being drunk, I could tell that he was not. I think I know a drunk man when I see one."

Sitting in the holdover, French related a lengthy story of his life.

"I went out Sunday afternoon for a stroll—just to get some fresh air," said French, "and at Twenty-first and Chestnut streets I met a stranger who asked me to take a drink. I took one. Others followed. I got drunk for the first time in my life. I went wherever the stranger directed. I was in his power, as much as though I were his prisoner."

"Finally all became blank to me. I have no idea how I got into the Cigar-makers' Union office. The stranger must have had a key to the door. The next I knew was when Sergeant Meehan awoke me. I looked about in bewilderment. The stranger was not there, and I was discharged from the office of a strange predicament. The burglar tools are not mine, and I know nothing about them. Before I do, I swear that I am innocent as a child."

At this point, French broke down and wept a copious flow of tears. Then he braced up and made further declarations of innocence. Then he wept some more, and was still weeping when the turnkey led him away from the reporter back to his cell.

Police officers say they have a good case against French.

In 1883-5 John French was a member of the St. Louis Police Department. He was regarded as a fairly good officer, until the latter part of 1889, when he killed a German huckster with whom he had a difficulty at Eleventh and O'Fallon streets. He eluded his victim, inflicting wounds that resulted in death. Although French was acquitted by the trial jury, he was discharged from police duty. Since that time he has worked as a machinist. He is said to be a member of the notorious Jim French, who is now serving a penitentiary sentence for burglary.

Jim French's wife lives across the street from the office of the Cigar-makers' Union and the police say that French has a devoted there. It is presumed that in some manner French was informed of the \$400 deposited in the safe.

## PRINTING HOUSE FIRE.

Great Western Company Sustains Severe Losses.

Fire caused a loss of \$25,000 to the Great Western Printing Co. Sunday afternoon and injured their plant to such an extent that they will be unable to operate for some time.

The four-story brick building occupied by the company at 611 and 613 Market street was wrecked from the fire starting at the top.

Three alarms were turned in. The fire department confined the flames to the building where the fire started and the only damage to the outside of it was about \$100 worth of window panes in the Imperial Hotel, broken by the heat.

At Hopkins' Theater, directly across the street from the fire, some anxiety was felt, but the entire audience fled out without being in any danger.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE.

Movement Successfully Launched to Revive It in St. Louis.

The revival of the St. Patrick's Day parade was definitely decided on at a meeting held at Knights of Peter Claver Hall Sunday night, at which most of the Catholic organizations were represented. A temporary organization was formed, with the election of Daniel O'Connell Tracey as chairman, Judge William J. Hanley, secretary, and James J. Fitzgibbon, Hunt, J. J. McLaughlin, and Sullivan as members.

The movement to revive the past glories of the annual parade, was inaugurated by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Catholic Knights of America, Knights of Father Mathew, Irish-American League and the various literary societies. The committee promptly fell into line, assuring success. Messrs. Tracey, Hanley, and Sullivan were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the new organization, which will be known as the St. Patrick's Day Parade Union.

Brooks' Body Not Recovered.

All day Sunday the search for the body of Harry Brooks, who was drowned in a ferry boat Saturday, was kept up, but no trace was found. The "ferry boat" was an expert swimmer and his body was quickly attributed to him. He was seized with cramps, as he was swimming strongly when last seen.



JOHN FRENCH AND HIS KIT OF TOOLS.

## READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN.

We have endeavored during our business career in St. Louis to produce the very best clothing in material and workmanship that it is possible to make, while we have kept our prices down to the very lowest figures.

Our facilities for choosing the best fabrics and the latest patterns are unparalleled. Our designers make special studies of the most fashionable styles.

MILLS & AVERILL,  
Broadway and Pine.

## AT THE THEATERS.

There are two features of the bill at the Imperial this week that make a visit to the theater worth the while. One is the even, artistic work of a young woman new to play-goers of this city, and the other feature is a scene in which a man has delirium tremens.

The young woman of such pronounced genius is Miss Nilette Reed, and the actor who gives the powerful portrayal of an unfortunate wretch in the most horrible torture known to man is Edmund D. Lyons. He is a player of universally conceded ability in character roles, and for this reason he is mentioned secondarily to Miss Reed, who comes as a revelation. Both are accorded priority over the play, because without them there would be little to recommend in Manager Gumpertz's revival of "Drink," Charles Reed's dramatic adaptation of Zola's unpleasant "Assommoir."

"Drink" is a melodrama which preaches a horrible example type of a temperance lecture, but the lesson is frequently lost sight of in the effort of the genial Mr. Gumpertz to give every member of his stock company something to do. When a manager carries upon his pay roll such adequate actors as Beaumont Smith and Charles Burritt and he is forced to cast them for insignificant parts it is doubtless hard to withstand the individual appeal to be allowed to elaborate here and there. But the result is inevitably a long-drawn out performance which becomes tedious before the play is half over. The argument has very properly been urged against an all-star cast that the personality of the able actor in a small part swells that part into unseemly importance and destroys the picture. The same argument applies to "Drink" as presented at the Imperial. If Mr. Gumpertz will make a few changes that will suggest themselves to him if he pauses a moment, planning down the second act and cutting out several "bits," no matter how painful it may be to the actor and actress concerned, he will shorten his performance to a tolerable time and it may then be said that in presenting "Drink" he is offering the strongest attraction he has put forth this entire season.

Last night the final curtain was not rung down until 11:25 o'clock, and then, forgetful of the horrible example, Mr. Lyons's attack of jim-jams and pined Miss Reed's sufferings, brought on by her husband's interperence, three-fourths of the immense audience made swift tracks for the nearest cafe and restaurant. They had to do it. What they needed was a bracer of some sort.

The vital characters in "Drink"—those of Gervaise, Jean Coupeau, Lantier, Gouget and Virginie—were excellently played, respectively, by Miss Reed, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Hanley and Miss Rossmore. Mr. Lyons drunken scene is done with all the art of a master, and is to be favorably compared with the famous transformation scene by Richard Mansfield in "Jekyll and Hyde." Miss Reed played as one in whom the fire of genius is already considerably more than a spark. It is strange that she has not yet been "discovered" by the erudite Eastern critics, and not snapped up by a manager, who is looking for talented emotional actors in whom there are great possibilities.

Mr. Redmond's Lantier was one of Redmond's familiar swaggering, bluff, good-looking villains, and Mr. Hanley's Gouget was satisfactory. Miss Rossmore's brunette beauty alone would have carried her in the adventures' part of Virginie.

Manager Salisbury this week offers the best bill yet presented at the new Columbia. This is not merely the opinion of our man, who is supposed to be a competent censor of what is right and good in vaudeville, but it is an assertion based upon the good-humored demonstration of big audiences who witnessed the performance yesterday. The programme is varied and the act is a tip-top one of its line. The noted violinist, Remenyi, is the star feature of the performance. He has lost none of that delicacy of the performance of our man, who is supposed to be a competent censor of what is right and good in vaudeville, but it is an assertion based upon the good-humored demonstration of big audiences who witnessed the performance yesterday. The programme is varied and the act is a tip-top one of its line. The noted violinist, Remenyi, is the star feature of the performance. 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